

Amendments to the SPECIFICATION:

Without prejudice, please amend the Substitute Specification as follows:

Please add the following paragraph at the beginning of page 1, line 2 of the Substitute Specification, as follows:

--This application was filed as PCT/DE02/04290 on November 22, 2002, and claims the foreign priority benefits under 35 U.S.C. § 119 of German Patent Application No. 102 01 552.8, which was filed January 17, 2002 in the Federal Republic of Germany.--.